RCC instructor pens international thriller

Caroline (Kitty) Lion will read selections from her recently published novel, “Catch a Falling Knife,” on May 22 at the Jackson County Medford Library.

Lion is a composition and creative writing instructor at Rogue Community College’s Riverside Campus. The reading and book signing will take place from 3-4 p.m. in the library’s Adams Room.

“Catch a Falling Knife” is a thriller with an international political theme. It features Nadine, a woman who must find her former lover. Stakes are high--he's in hiding in France, and if she doesn't locate him, they'll both be dead. The book’s title reflects a struggle for physical and spiritual survival and the dexterity and timing needed to grab hold of a tumbling weapon, Lion said.

Editing Lion’s novel was Alan Rinzler, co-founder of Rolling Stone magazine and editor for Hunter S. Thompson and Toni Morrison. Rinzler described the new novel as “explosive, a real original, exceptional.” Praise for Lion’s work also comes from novelist Tom Robbins, who said "I'd follow Kitty Lion to the shores of Lake Tanganyika."

The book was six years in the writing, said Lion, who lives in Ashland with her four children, ages10-17. “It went through many edits. I knew it was done when a little bell rang,” she said. Lion is already in middle of her next novel, a New Age western.

“I love teaching that creative writing class, because when you teach you also learn. It’s wonderful to watch as their writing becomes more powerful,” Lion noted.

“Catch a Falling Knife” is available at Bloomsbury Books in Ashland and online on Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com.

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